28 in Rochester Group Were on Swissair Jet

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 8—Twenty-eight passengers of the 155 people aboard the Swissair DC-8 that was hijacked by Arab guerrillas to the Jordanian desert are connected with a Rochester choral group.

Harold W. Tausch, head of Tausch Travel Consultants, Inc., said that some of the adults were members of the Rochester Saenger Choir, a group affiliated with the Federation of Workers Singing Societies of America.

He said that seven of the 28 are men, 12 are women and nine are children.

Mr. Tausch said the group was returning from a vacation in West Germany. It had given several concerts in West Germany and Switzerland.

Mr. Tausch said that he had been told by Swissair that the women and children with the group had been taken to a hotel in Amman. The men were said to be still held by the guerrillas on the captured plane.

The federation to which the singing group belongs was founded in 1885 by German immigrants in the United States and consists of 25 choruses in 20 cities. Each year it sponsors tours in Germany as well as trips by German singing groups to this country.